

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-16, 18-26, 28-30, and new claim 31 are currently pending in the present patent application, with claims 17 and 27 having been cancelled through the above claim amendments.

In an Office Action mailed on October 30, 2007 in the above-referenced patent application, the Examiner objected to claims 4-15, 18, 20-22, and 28-30 but indicated these claims are allowable if properly rewritten in independent form. These claims have been so rewritten and accordingly are now in condition for allowance. More specifically, claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form and claims 2, 3, and 5-16 have been amended to ultimately depend from independent claim 4 and accordingly are now allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 4 and due to the additional limitations added by each of these dependent claims.

Claim 18 has also been rewritten in independent form, with claims 19-22 having been amended to ultimately depend from independent claim 18. Accordingly, claims 19-22 are now allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 4 and due to the additional limitations added by each of these dependent claims.

Claims 23 and 25 have also been rewritten in independent form and are allowable for at least the same reasons as independent claim 18. Dependent claims 24 and 26 are allowable for at least the same reasons as the claims 23 and 25, respectively, and due to the additional limitations added by each of these dependent claims.

Claim 28 has been rewritten in independent form and is accordingly now in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 29 and 30 depend from claim 28 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 28 and due to the additional limitations added by each of these dependent claims.

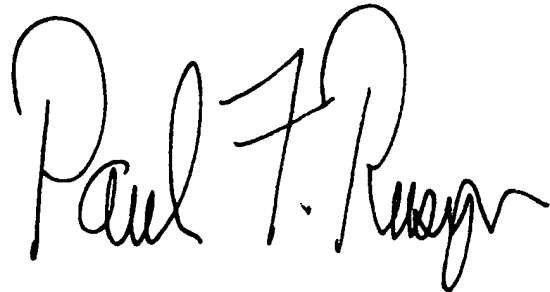
Amended independent claim 1 includes the limitations of previous dependent claim 4 and is now allowable for reasons similar to the reason claim 4 was indicated as allowable by the Examiner in the Office Action.

New independent claim 31 covers, for example, the embodiment of Figure 6 and is allowable for reasons similar to the reasons claims 4 and 18 were indicated as allowable by the Examiner.

The present patent application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. **Should the Examiner have any further questions about the application, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at (425) 455-5575 to arrange for a telephone interview to discuss the outstanding issues.** If the need for any fee in addition to any fee paid with this response is found, for any reason or at any point during the prosecution of this application, kindly consider this a petition therefore and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 07-1897.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul F. Rusyn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" being the most prominent.

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